

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are pending. Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-22, 26-34, 38-46, 48-50, 52-54, and 56-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 9, 19, 23-25, 35-37, 47, 51, and 55 have been objected to. Claims 1, 10, 17, 27, 43, 48, 56, and 62 have been amended; claims 9, 19, 35, 47, 51, and 55 have been canceled without prejudice; and claims 63 and 64 have been newly added. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, the pending claims will be claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-34, 36-46, 48-50, 52-54, and 56-64.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application based on the above amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS

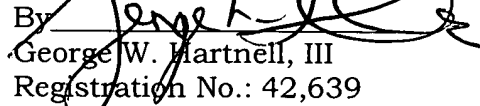
The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-22, 26-34, 38-46, 48-50, and 52-54 and 56-62 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,052,491 to Clatanoff, et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,052,491 to Pettitt, et al. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 17, 27, 43, 48, 56, and 62 to include subject matter of dependent claims that the Examiner has indicated was allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants believe that the grounds for rejection are now moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that, claims 1-8, 10-18, 20-22, 26-34, 38-46, 48-50, and 52-54, and 56-62 are allowable. New claims 63 and 64 comprise claims 36 and 37, respectively, that have been re-written in independent form. Therefore, claims 63 and 64 are also allowable. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

The Applicants believe that no further fees are due. However, if for any reason a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under Order No. 55,707 (70940).

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